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TRINITY COUNTY MAN ADMITS BURGLARIZING HAYFORK U.S. POST OFFICE ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that former Hayfork resident, KEVIN ALLEN ROBERTS, 23, pled guilty today before U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence K. Karlton to two counts of post office burglary, and a single count of possession of stolen U.S. Mail. ROBERTS was initially charged in a federal indictment filed on April 27, 2006.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service with the assistance of the Trinity County Sheriff's Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, on December 23, 2005 and again on January 19, 2006, ROBERTS forcibly broke into and stole items from the Hayfork U.S. Post Office located in Trinity County. On each occasion ROBERTS stole U.S. Mail and U.S. Mail parcels belonging to numerous U.S. Post Office customers. After committing the burglaries, ROBERTS fled to nearby Lassen County where he was later apprehended.

ROBERTS is scheduled to be sentenced on October 11, 2006. The maximum penalty he faces is 15 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$750,000, though his actual sentence will be determined under the United States Sentencing Guidelines. He also will receive a 3-year term of supervised release.

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